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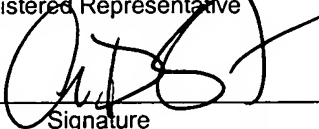
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FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by

the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37

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C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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The references now cited are the following:

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5,858,515	1/1999	Stokes et al.

FOREIGN DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	COUNTRY
EP 0 570 980	11/1993	Europe
WO 00 20208	4/2000	WIPO

Pursuant to the undersigned attorney's obligation and duties under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.98(a)(3) and (c), an English abstract for the European Patent No. EP0570980, which is not in English, is included for the express purpose of providing a concise explanation of the reference to the Patent and Trademark Office with the opportunity to evaluate the same.

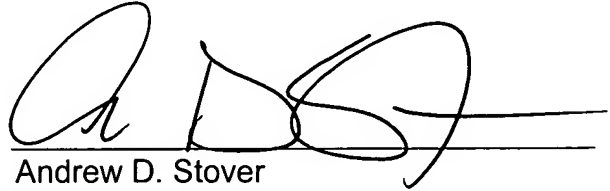
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is

hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit
Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in
the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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